

Dear Mr. Powell,

A slippery slope is before you- a decision that will forever be recorded in history. By allowing the broadcast of "Stolen Honor" by the Sinclair Group, the FCC is taking the country toward a place where nobody is responsible for truth and balance. Where corporate and personal interests take precedent over public interest and honest education. Propaganda from both the right and left will reign, and an already confused American populace will fall deeper into cynicism- much like the former Soviet Union. It's a slippery slope. Please consider this in your decision on this matter.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.